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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 10, 2002

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Dear Sir:

In the communication dated June 10, 2002, the Examiner stated that the application has the following eleven patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: The Species of Figures (1), (2), (4 & 12), (5-6 & 12), (7-9 & 12), (10-11), (13-14), (15-16, 18A/18B, & 19), (17), (20-23) and (24-25).

In response, Applicant provisionally elects without traverse to proceed with the examination on the merits the Species of Figures 4 and 12, without prejudice to the nonelected claims related to the other species. At least Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 29, 31, 32-34, 38, 39, and 41 of the above-referenced application relate to the embodiments disclosed in Figures 4 and 12. Examiner submits that no claims are generic, however Applicant respectfully asserts that generic claims are pending which read upon two or more species of the species identified by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement.